



IOWA TELECOMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting. The Iowa Telecommunication and Technology Commission Meeting was held on June 15, 2016. The Iowa Communications Network (ICN) has been working collaboratively with the Department of Public Safety's (DPS) Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB) on a public safety communications initiative to provide a nationwide public safety broadband network commonly known as FirstNet. The ICN serves as a technical management support partner by gathering required asset and profile data for the ISICSB. Funding for this partnership is from the federal State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP). This grant was awarded to all states for FirstNet preparation and Iowa's portion was \$2.1 million and will expire January 2018. In addition, the ICN has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the DPS for technical design support related to the [Land Mobile Radios](#) (LMR) and a 28D agreement to provide an ICN employee to serve as the Deputy Iowa Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC). The ICN and the ISICSB hope to have a portion of the LMR network up and running in Polk County by July 2016 for the National Governors Association (NGA) Conference.

FirstNet Update. A [Request for Proposal](#) (RFP) was issued by the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) for the deployment of the nationwide public safety broadband network. The RFP closed May 31, 2016. There is approximately \$7.0 billion in federal funding set aside for this project.

The ICN has been holding public-private partnership summits twice a year for Iowa's emergency responders and private industry leaders to discuss Iowa's broadband network and FirstNet. The next meeting of this group will be held on August 25, 2016, in the Grimes Building on the Capitol complex in Des Moines. Prior meetings of this group were held on March 3, 2016, August 13, 2015, and March 19, 2015. Recordings of those meetings can be viewed at the following web address:

<https://icn.iowa.gov/customer-focused/public-safety-firstnet>.

Finance Update. The ICN reviewed their May year-to-date budget. Net cash operations for the month of May, after expenditures, increased \$57,346, for a year-to-date increase of \$2.9 million. When comparing net cash, after expenditures, to the same time for the prior fiscal year, it is an increase of approximately \$1.0 million. When comparing May 2016 to May 2015 for the 11 months ending May 31, 2016:

- Revenues were up by 3.8%, totaling \$29.9 million, an increase of \$1.1 million.
- Direct Expenses were down by 2.9%, totaling \$7.8 million, a decrease of \$231,000.
- Indirect Expenses were down by 5.4%, totaling \$8.6 million, a decrease of \$491,000.
- General Administrative Expenses were up by 4.6%, totaling \$9.9 million, an increase of \$433,000.

Waivers. Certified users as defined under [Iowa Code section 8D.9](#) (e.g., area education agencies (AEA), community colleges, or Regents institutions) have a choice between the ICN and a private provider in their community and are permitted to submit waivers if ICN services are either unavailable or can be purchased at a lower rate. Waivers were granted for Indian Hills Community College and AEA 267 (Cedar Falls).

More Information. Additional information is available from the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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